

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet replaces the previous replacement sheet including Fig. 1.

The label "BACKGROUND ART" has been reoriented to be in line with the label "FIG. 1."

Attachment: Replacement sheet

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1 and 3-8 are now present in this application, of which claims 1 and 3 are independent. By this amendment, claim 2 has been canceled, claim 1 has been amended, and claim 8 has been added. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Reasons for Entry of Amendments

It is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered into the Official File because the amendments to the claims automatically place the application in condition for allowance. In particular, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 2 and newly added independent claim 8 incorporates all of the subject matter of independent claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 3.

Drawings

Applicant has amended FIG. 1 to reorient the label "BACKGROUND ART" to be in line with the label "FIG. 1." Applicant respectfully request confirmation that the drawing amendment is approved.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Song. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

A complete discussion of the Examiner's rejection is set forth in the Office Action, and is not being repeated here.

With regard to the rejection of claim 1, while not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to advance prosecution of the instant application, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of objected-to allowable claim 2, thereby automatically placing independent claim 1 into condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner states that claims 2-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the early indication of allowable subject matter in this application. As set forth above, the limitations of objected-to claim 2 have been added into independent claim 1, and therefore independent claim 1 should be in condition for allowance. Also, claims 3-7 depend, either directly or indirectly, from independent claim 1, and are therefore allowable based on their dependence from claim 1, which is believed to be allowable.

In addition, claim 8, which includes all of the subject matter of independent claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 3, has been added. Accordingly, consideration and allowance of claim 8 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Chad D. Wells, Registration No. 50,875, at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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